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Annual Day of
Recollection

Saturday,
October 12th,
9:00 a.m.

Divine Providence
Village

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064
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Our October Gathering

Instead of our usual Sunday gathering, our next meeting will be our annual Day of Recollection and will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Divine Providence Village in Springfield.** We will gather at 9:00 a.m. Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch, drinks will be provided. You will also need to bring your Liturgy of the Hours for morning prayer, your rosary and your ritual book. Fr. Dennis will be our Celebrant and Retreat Master. The theme for the day will be "The year of Faith and Franciscan Spirituality."

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Pat Simon at 610-352-5390

"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."

--from The Lay Franciscan
Monthly Pledge

October Profession Anniversaries

Rita Dourdoufis 2003

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions and flip tops off aluminum cans

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Baby formula
- Toiletries
- Oatmeal
- Men's white socks
- Men's underwear
- PRAYERS!





On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our web site as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). Materials and reading lists for upcoming ongoing formation sessions are also available. The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>

Formation Information

There will be no formal ongoing formation in October during our Day of Recollection, but Fr. Dennis will be speaking about the Year of Faith and Franciscan Spirituality.

Ongoing formation will continue in November with a selection from a series of recorded lectures by Br. William Short, O.F.M. called *St. Francis of Assisi: A New Way of Being Christian*. Readings to go with the recording will be distributed at the Day of Recollection and will, as always, be available online at: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.org/ongoing-formation>. Please contact Lee if you won't be at the October gathering and you can't get it online.

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In Porta Fidei, Benedict listed three reasons for calling a Year of Faith. He hoped Christians would be led to profess the faith more fully and with conviction; to deepen their encounter with Jesus Christ in the Liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, and to witness the faith more credibly by the example of their lives. He stressed that "A Christian may never think of belief as a private act. Faith [involves] choosing to stand with the Lord so as to live with him." Therefore faith, "precisely because it is a free act, also demands social responsibility for what one believes."

~Archbishop Chaput, from remarks delivered October 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary as part of a Year of Faith discussion series.